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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

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Dear Sir:

The following is in response to the Office Action mailed February 13, 2006, having a three-month statutory period for response set to expire on May 13, 2006. The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted.